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- 1. WATER CONFERENCE. ECLA EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT THE WATER CONFERENCE HAS NOW BEEN OFFICIALLY POSTPONED UNTIL 21-25 AUGUST FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED IN REFTELS A AND B. THE CONFERENCE IS STILL SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN SANTIAGO. ECLA WILL CONFIRM THIS POSTPONEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT BY TELEGRAM SHORTLY.
- 2. PREPARATORY MEETING, UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (UNCSTD). AS REPORTED IN REFTEL C, THE UNCSST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE JULY 31 - AUGUST 4 IN PANAMA CITY. THIS HAS NOW FALLED THROUGH; PANAMA HAS DECLINED TO HOST CONFERENCE. ECLA HOPES TO KEEP TO THE ORIGINAL DATES AND INS CONSIDERING ONLY TWO POSSIBLE LOCATIONS - UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK OR ECLA HEADQUARTERS IN SANTIAGO. WE HAVE RECENTLY LEARNED THAT ECLA BRIEFLY CONSIDERED MEXICO CITY AS A LOCATION FOR THIS CONFERENCE

OWING TO OBJECTIONS FROM CUBA AND MEXICO TO A SANTIAGO VENUE. ECLA EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT, HOWEVER, NOW BELIEVES THAT TIME CONSTRAINT LEAVES ONLY THE NEW YORK AND SANTIAGO OPTIONS AS FEASIBLE.

3. HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON POPULATION. ECLA INFORMS US THAT AT THE REQUEST OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS ON POPULATION SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE JUNE 14-17 IN LIMA HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SOMETIME IN MID-1978 IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE UNSETTLED POLITICAL SITUATION IN PERU. THIS POSTPONEMENT WILL NOT AFFECT THE U.S. AS CUSTOMARILY ONLY REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRY MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMMITTEE MEETING.

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